

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A bending-resistant bar for reshaping human or animal bone with bone replacement material by bridging with said bar at least one reshaping location; said bar having a flat cross-section; said bar comprising at least two slotted holes extending in a longitudinal direction of said bar and distributed evenly along the length of said bar; said bar having longitudinal edges with notches; said bar having an underside having transverse grooves extending perpendicularly to said longitudinal direction over the entire width of said bar; wherein said notches and said transverse grooves provide predetermined bending locations for said bar.
2. (Original) A bar according to claim 1, wherein said bar has a convex top side.
3. (Original) A bar according to claim 1, wherein said notches and said transverse grooves are rated break points.
4. (Original) A bar according to claim 1, wherein said bar has rated break points.
5. (Original) A bar according to claim 1, wherein said notches are positioned between said slotted holes
6. (Original) A bar according to claim 1, wherein said transverse grooves open into said notches.

7. – 39. (Cancelled)

40. (Currently amended) A method for reshaping human or animal bone with bone replacement material; said method comprising the steps of:

- implanting implants ~~according to claim 30~~ into the bone;
- mounting a bar according to claim 1 on a support surface of said implants to bridge at least one reshaping location, wherein said implants have a smooth mantle surface so that said implants can be rotated about a longitudinal axis when implanted in order to allow height adjustment of said implants relative to the bone;
- height-adjusting the bar relative to the bone during reshaping by adjusting the implants as reshaping progresses;
- removing the bar and optionally the implants after completion of reshaping.